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RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, our donors and, most importantly, the children affected by abuse and trauma whom we serve. We rely on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters and constituents. Without the mail, our fundraising would suffer severely and, as a consequence, so would our mission.

I strongly urge you to reconsider any increase to nonprofit marketing mail rates for the nominal benefit of commercial marketing mail as it works against the rationale of the law granting nonprofits a discounted rate.

As a practical matter, injecting unanticipated increases such as those proposed here by USPS will mean that our fundraising budget will not be able to keep pace with the increase in postage costs. The inevitable result will be a reduction in our use of the mail, a reduction in our revenues, and, in turn, a reduction in our ability to serve our children.

If our postage rates were to increase, say, 5%, and produce a corresponding 5% loss of revenue, we would not be able to provide the level of therapeutic services our children desperately need. Respectfully, I ask you to consider this consequence.

Please do not change the current system for calculating nonprofit rates, implemented by the Postal Service ten years ago. We see no pressing need for a change, especially not one that will do harm to all nonprofits using the mail to raise crucial funding.

Sincerely,

Joseph Wronka  
Vice President, Advancement  
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls